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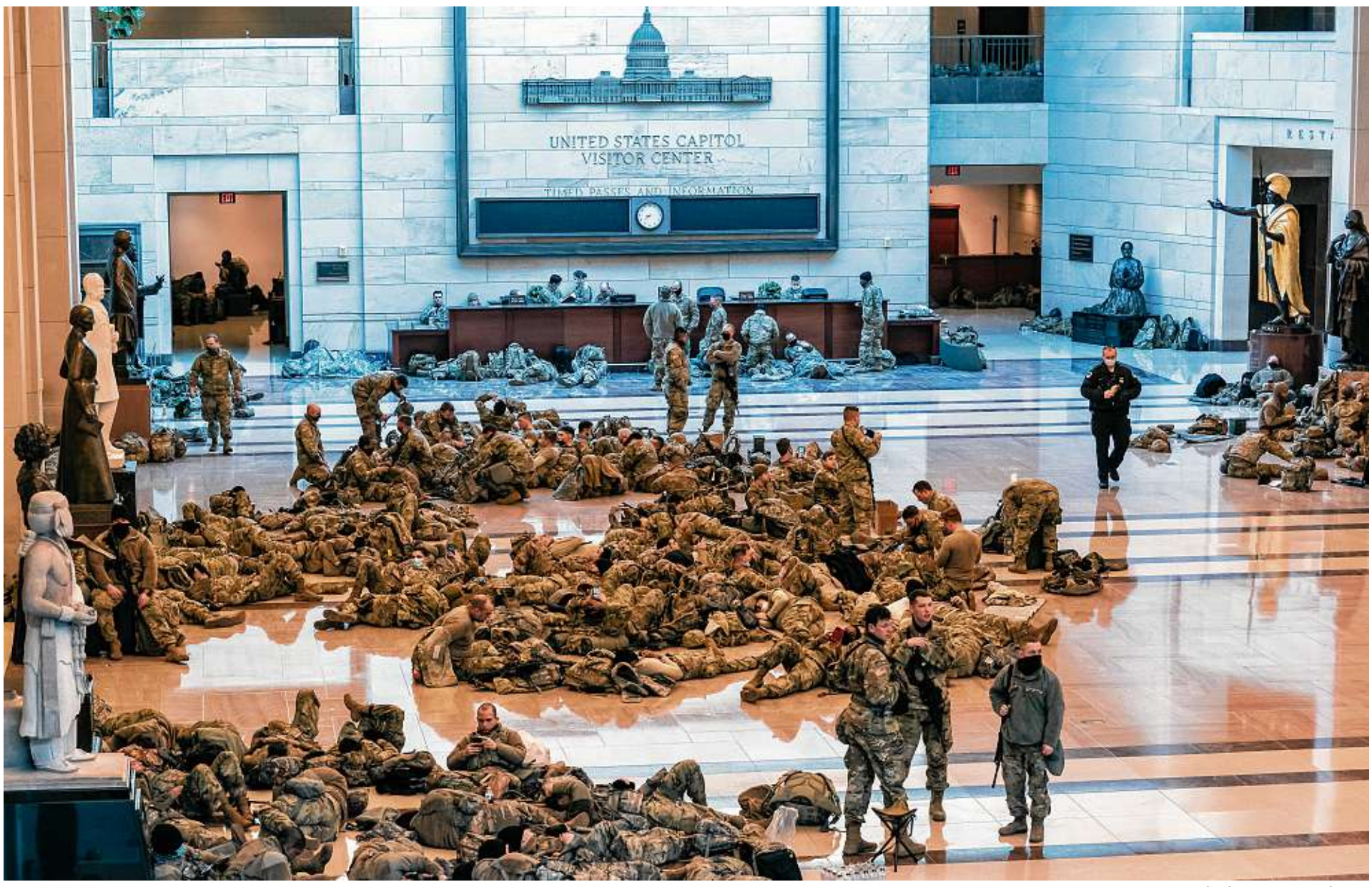
# TRUMP IMPEACHED FOR SECOND TIME

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**Hundreds of National Guard troops relax inside the Capitol Visitor Center. They are in the building to reinforce security in the wake of the deadly rioting last week.**

## 10 House Republicans join Democrats in 232-197 vote; others from GOP rebuke president

**By Benjamin Wermund**
WASHINGTON BUREAU

WASHINGTON – Democrats declared Donald Trump an "insurrectionist" and "aspiring tyrant" as the House on Wednesday made him the first president to be impeached twice.

As expected, every Texas Democrat supported impeachment. Even a few Texas Republicans said Trump's conduct well may have been impeachable, though they didn't support the effort.

Texans offered some of the harshest condemnation of the president, who's accused of provoking last week's fatal rioting at the Capitol by continuing to deny that he lost the election.

At a rally before the rioting started, Trump told his supporters to "fight much harder" as members of Congress prepared to certify his loss to President-elect Joe Biden.

Five people died when Trump's supporters stormed the building.

"Donald Trump is the most dangerous man to ever occupy the Oval Office," said Rep. Joaquin Castro, D-San Antonio, who will serve on the team prosecuting Trump in the Senate. "If inciting a deadly insurrection is not enough to get a president impeached, then what is?"

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**Speaker Nancy Pelosi raps her gavel after the House voted to impeach President Donald Trump for the second time.**

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"The president of the United States is an insurrectionist," said Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee, D-Houston. "He led an insurrection against the United States of America."

The historic 232-197 vote sends articles to the Senate, where a trial is unlikely to happen before Biden takes office.

While 10 Republicans joined Democrats in voting to impeach the president – and many more GOP members chastised him – no Texas Republicans crossed party lines.

A few appeared close. Rep. Chip Roy Austin called Trump's conduct "impeachable," but said the articles of impeachment are too "flawed" to support.

"I wish my Democratic colleagues had worked with us to draft better articles," Roy said in an interview on Fox News before the vote.

Rep. Michael McCaul of Austin, a former federal prosecutor whose district stretches from Houston to the state capital, said he opposed impeachment "with a heavy heart" because "rushed justice is not the solution to mob violence."

"I did not come to this decision lightly," McCaul said. "And I truly fear there may be more facts that come to light in the future that will put

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## S.A. does not land the Space Command

**By Sig Christenson**
STAFF WRITER

Disappointing five other finalists that included the Alamo City, the Air Force said Wednesday that pending a final analysis, Redstone Arsenal in Huntsville, Ala., will be the new home of the U.S. Space Command.

San Antonio and Colorado Springs, Colo., were considered two of the top candidates to serve as the new headquarters after the Pentagon whittled down a list of 50 cities around the country competing for Space Command to just six.

The command has been provisionally headquartered in Colorado Springs since its inception.

"Huntsville compared more favorably than the other candidates based on the analysis," Air Force spokesman Ann Stefanek said.

Mayor Ron Nirenberg

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Carolyn Kaster / Associated Press

**The U.S. Space Command was established in 2019.**

## NISD parents are asked to keep their kids home

**By Krista Torralva**
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Citing the current surge in COVID-19 cases, Northside Independent School District Superintendent Brian Woods urged parents Wednesday to keep their elementary and middle school kids home and in virtual learning for the next two weeks.

"Hopefully this will get us past the surge in cases we are now seeing in our city," Woods said in a video posted on the Northside ISD website and social media accounts.

"To be clear, this is a request. It is not mandatory and we are not closing Northside schools," he added.

Northside ISD, the largest in Bexar County, serves about 107,000 students, though only about 45 percent of them were in classrooms at its 121 schools as the fall semester ended.

Woods had been encouraging a return to classrooms to combat the learning slide that kids have experienced since March, when the arrival of the pandemic closed all campuses for the rest of last year's spring semester.

Calls have been mount-

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